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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: APPLICATION 05-050095903 PRE-LICENSE
END-USE CHECK

REF: A) STATE 28191, B) TEL AVIV 985

11. (SBU) Summary: A representative of Sudarrshan Technical Services told us by telephone that his company's only relationship with the Israel-based Scope Metals Group (ref B) was a one-time proposed sale in 2008 to purchase stud nuts for aircraft for the Indian Air Force (described in ref A). Scope was unable to provide the item when Sudarrshan ordered it in 2008, and Scope referred Sudarrshan to the U.S.-based ISO Group, who ultimately provided the product. Sudarrshan denied any ongoing relationship with Scope while offering that it might do business with Scope in the future if an opportunity arose. We see no cause for concern about Sudarrshan or its activities at this point. End Summary.

12. (SBU) We spoke with C. R. Sathya Narayan Rao of Sudarrshan Technical Services on May 12, 2009. He said that the company was started in 2003, has eight employees, grossed INR 15,000,000 in 2008 (USD 300,000), and is owned by Rao's wife and operated by Rao. A quick Internet search showed that Sudarrshan's company website is "under construction" and that the company is registered with the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service in Bangalore.

13. (SBU) Rao reported that his company's relationship with Scope Metals Group was a one-time affair, originating when Sudarrshan placed an order for stud nuts in 2008 and received a quote from them. When delivery was delayed, Sudarrshan came to believe that Scope would be unable to provide the items. Scope then referred Sudarrshan to ISO Group, which completed the sale in August 2008. No fees or commissions were paid by or to either company, according to Rao.

14. (SBU) Mr. Rao told us that he is unaware of any Indian office for Scope and has had contact with them only via Scope's office in Israel. He said that he could not explain why the license application listed Scope Metals Group at Sudarrshan's Bangalore address because he was not involved in the preparation of that document.

15. (SBU) Rao told us that Sudarrshan had physical possession of the stud nuts for a short time, receiving them from ISO Group and then forwarding them to the Indian Air Force in their entirety. Rao claimed familiarity with the regulations governing the import/export of U.S.-origin defense articles, noting that his company has dealt with other defense articles for aircraft before.

¶6. (SBU) We did not visit Sudarrshan's facilities and can provide no additional information on the security of its facilities. Rao was willing and able to answer our questions directly. We see no cause at this point for USG concern about Sudarrshan Technical Services or its willingness/ability to operate with the scope of applicable laws and regulations.

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